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Ms. Donna McCartney (3HW21)
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, PA 19107

RE: Tonolli Corporation Site; Nesquehoning, PA
Report of Reclamation of Battery Case Materials
at Exide/GBC Facility

Dear Ms. McCartney:

As we have discussed, enclosed for your review are two copies of Field Report for Activities Associated with the Reclamation of Materials from Battery Case Piles from the Tonolli Corporation Superfund Site in Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. The attached report has been prepared by the Center for Hazardous Materials Research (CHMR), Pittsburgh, PA, in conjunction with Exide Corporation's efforts related to the Tonolli Corporation site and CHMR/Exide's project under EPA Contract #CR-818199-01-0 of the Emerging Technologies program. The report discusses the results of CHMR/Exide Corporation's reclamation of five loads of battery case materials which were loaded and hauled from the Tonolli site on September 5, 1991 and processed at the Exide/General Battery Corporation facility (U.S. EPA Id No. PAD990753089) in Reading, Pennsylvania during the period from September 9, 1991 - September 13, 1991.

As indicated in the attached report and as previously indicated in the draft Feasibility Study report for the Tonolli site which was prepared and submitted to your office by Paul C. Rizzo Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Steering Committee, Exide Corporation believes (based upon the five load test of Tonolli materials) that Exide/General Battery Corporation has the capabilities to process the battery case materials from the Tonolli site. Given that Exide/GBC's secondary lead smelters have been in operation for years and are already equipped with the facilities and control mechanisms, together with appropriate permits, Exide Corporation believes that processing of the battery case materials can be initiated in a relatively short period of time and can be conducted on an on-going basis in an efficient manner.

TO: Ms. Donna McCartney

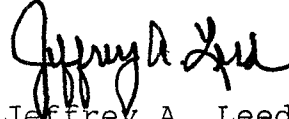
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Please accept this letter as Exide Corporation's willingness to meet with appropriate EPA staff to discuss the reclamation of the Tonolli battery case materials on an on-going basis. At the meeting, Exide representatives and/or Exide's legal counsel would be prepared to discuss the appropriate protections or contingencies which would be required by Exide against unknown conditions at the Tonolli site, in technical or regulatory issues, or in market or financial conditions which could adversely impact the performance of the work. Exide anticipates that other members of the Steering Committee would desire to attend the meeting to discuss their interests as well.

Should you wish to discuss this matter or to advise regarding the scheduling of a meeting, please contact this office at (215) 378-0852.

Very truly yours,

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